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Questions for Boer Sympathizers.

People in this country who sympathize with the Boers either allow their feelings to be influenced by their hatred of England, or from the purely humane instincts of a sympathetic interest in the weaker antagonist. Whatever criticism may be offered against the British the only possibly just one is the precipitancy with which it forced the conflict, and even that has its English side. Mr. Thomas G. Shearman has written a letter to the New York Times about the expression of our sympathy with the Boers, as voiced by the resolutions offered by Senator Mason in the United States senate, in which he gives a clear exposition of the causes which led to the war. He presents his side of the case in a series of five questions, as follows:

"1. If 150,000 Americans were invited by 60,000 men of any other race to settle in their country, (for example, Lower California), and did so, buying up all the valuable land, at enormous prices, carrying on the entire productive industry of that country, and paying substantially all the taxes, to an amount sufficient to support the entire 60,000 natives in comfort, would these 150,000 Americans submit to the following conditions?

"1. To live in cities built by the Americans, but denied any municipal government whatever.

"2. To have these cities so deprived of sanitary privileges that the death rate is more than three times as large as it is in New York city or in any neighboring city under good government.

"3. To be denied the right to carry any arms whatever, while every man and boy among the 60,000 natives is heavily armed and drilled at the expense of the Americans.

"4. To be deprived of the right to hold any public meetings, to publish any newspaper, to criticize the native government or even to petition for redress.

"5. To have no right to vote for the smallest office, except upon condition of renouncing all protection from America for fourteen years, during which time they must serve in the native army whenever called upon, and, at the end of that time, not be allowed to vote unless approved by two-thirds of the native neighbors and a native military officer."

All these things the uitlanders, or outsiders, suffered and stood no chance of having their grievances composed. It is one thing to be for one party just because you are against the other, but when reason and justice are appealed to, if we are honest in our opinions, we find that the other fellow is not wholly without grounds for his contention. Senator Mason is too hysterical to be taken seriously, and we do not believe his bombastical sentimental resolutions will disturb England, and there need be no anxiety as to their final disposition by the senate.

Destruction of Forests.

The secretary of agriculture, in his annual report, devotes considerable space to the subject of forestry, which is becoming a conspicuous question in national economy owing to the wholesale denudation of the forests of our country. The matter has a vital bearing on our future welfare as a nation. To realize how prominent the part of forestry is among the problems of our national life, Secretary Wilson says it is only necessary to glance at its relation to the great industries of the country. Practically all manufacturers are tributary, directly or indirectly, to the forest. The great business of transportation would be wholly impossible without it. A failure of timber in mining is often as disastrous as the failure of the ore-body itself. Even agriculture, without the products of the forest, would be everywhere seriously crippled and in many parts of the country almost absolutely impossible.

The subject is of vast importance to West Virginia and can not be brought too often to the notice of the people. The lumber trade of this state is assuming immense proportions, and with the consequent destruction of the forests evils will follow which will be of wide range if something is not done looking to the replanting of trees. This matter has been under discussion in the public journals and magazines for some time, and the evils have been pretty clearly pointed out, but there have been some popular misconceptions of the movement. A writer in the Forrester calls attention to one of them, declaring that a widely-held opinion of the intent and object of the government in segregating forest reserves is that they

are to be forever left in a virgin state, and so lost to public utility.

He protests that exactly the reverse is true, adding:

"The forests are not and should not be regarded as too immaculate for use. It is well recognized to be far better and safer to make them a source of lumber and firewood, utilizing the older trees and encouraging new growth, than to allow them to go to maturity and decay untouched. The guardians of the forest preserve should be required to gather seeds of trees and plants and sow them wherever they can be induced to grow. They should keep the young groves properly thinned out and have authority to sell saw logs and firewood wherever the trees can be judiciously spared.

One of the important, though little considered, uses of the forest to the vegetable mold into nitrogenous plant-food. This is going on through the agency of the ever-present bacteria, which re-convert the organic waste of the world into innocuous and useful mineral matter. Water filtering through the soil is constantly bearing these mineral nitrates into the streams and thence out upon the lands. Streams from treeless mountains lack these nitrogenous elements to a great degree, and the water has less fertility and is less valuable for irrigation.

One of the effects of the disappearance of our forests was the unusual flood which devastated the Ohio valley in 1884, and of which Wheeling experienced her full share. It was caused mainly by the rapid melting of the enormous snows at the headwaters. The improvements inaugurated by the French government to correct just such disasters would, it seems, apply in a measure to this country and especially to the headwaters and tributaries of the Ohio river. They consisted of the following: (1) Of the systematic planting of trees, grass and underbrush near the source of the streams to prevent the sudden and rapid collection of large quantities of rain and melted snow water. (2) The protection of the shores of the streams from undermining, and their beds from erosion, by the erection of small dams of masonry, loose rock and brush, to diminish the grade and decrease the power of the water, to raise and widen the bed and retain and store detritus. Many of these structures were made of green branches that were induced to take root and grow. (3) The terracing of the mountain slopes in a way to retard the run-off and guide the water into channels of light grade, where it could be conducted to the main streams without washing the soil.

Effect of Gatacre's Defeat.

The defeat of the British forces under General Gatacre is assuming the proportions of a great disaster. Apart from the loss of over six hundred men, the English will suffer from the encouragement the Boer success will give to the Dutch inhabitants of Cape Colony, who have been outspoken in their sympathy with the Transvaal government. This class of population has been very restless under British restraint, but now that they see the Boer forces have not only an equal chance with the soldiers of Great Britain in battle, but have signalled their superiority, in this instance at least, they will not be slow to rally around a standard whose interests they have secretly advanced whenever the opportunity has offered.

It is openly claimed by the London press that Gatacre's forces were trapped through the connivance of Dutch guides, who professed to be friendly to the British government. If this is true, and if the rumors that the northern and western portions of Cape Colony are honey-combed by disaffection are to be given credence, then Great Britain is in a decidedly ticklish predicament. In view of these conditions her troops will not only have to contend with the active forces of two hostile republics, but with rebellious subjects in Cape Colony.

Col. Davis' "Mature Deliberation."

Colonel Thomas B. Davis has publicly announced that he will not be a candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor of West Virginia next year. It is not denied that he has seriously considered the matter, but after mature deliberation he has finally decided not to be a candidate. He says his business affairs take up his time, and he would not care to sacrifice them for political honors—Shepherdstown Register.

It is amusing sometimes how suddenly one's business affairs are remembered in politics, and how prone the man is to refuse to sacrifice them for political honors when it is made plain that the honors have been jerked out of his reach. The truth of the matter is that the more than willing receptivity of Colonel Davis as a gubernatorial candidate was so badly damaged at the Parkersburg conference by Colonel "Joe" Chilton that Colonel McGraw was compelled to withdraw his name from the list of eligibles. The "mature deliberation" that Colonel "Tom" was pleased to indulge in we do not think occupied his mind many moments after he heard from his friend, Colonel McGraw. "Business affairs" afforded the same excuse in political life as does the relative cause "for personal and private reasons" in rejecting speculative honors.

Probably no industry has felt the effects of prosperity to the degree experienced by the cotton manufacturers of New England. This has resulted in an increase of wages of the operatives of 10 per cent., which affects nearly 150,000 operatives, and means an increased yearly outlay for the manufacturers in wages of \$5,500,000.

Still the Kentucky Democrats don't know they are defeated. They propose to carry the contest to the legislature. For desperation in politics the Goebels have shown themselves to be past masters in the art.

Consul Macrum's friends would have us believe that his home-coming will be signalled by the delivery of an important message that could not be trusted to a leaky cable.

With apologies to Senator Mason, we beg leave to state that from the present point of view the British stand more in need of our distinguished sympathy than the Boers.

The fight for the Nebraska senatorship is growing hotter. The silver Republicans have brought forth a candidate in the person of ex-Congressman Maxwell. The friends of the Dem-

ocratic candidate, Hitchcock, and those of Populist Allen are urging Bryan to support one or the other, but the presidential candidate is mum. Allen's backers insist that if forced to choose Bryan will name the ex-senator, because he wants a man of Allen's ability in the senate this winter, and he dare not antagonize him, inasmuch as he must depend on Allen to help capture the Populist national convention.

Queen Victoria's eyes will again be suffused with tears when she hears of the battle of Stormberg.

General Gatacre claims he was misled by guides. This is a peculiar excuse for such a veteran.

The battle for the Gold Standard is now on.

REFLECTIONS OF A BACHELOR.

No girl is really too fat till her cheeks shake when she walks.

There never was a woman in the case that a man didn't get in first.

Most of the men who live double lives do it because they lead single ones.

A pessimist is a man who goes through life sighing because if he should whistle he is afraid it would overwork his diaphragm.

A woman knows more than her husband when she knows enough to make him think she thinks he knows more than she does.—New York Press.

The All Abounding Critic.

Once in a while an editor has to "break out" upon a sort of critic included in almost every newspaper's constituency. Generally it is the kind who think they know what ought to go into his paper better than the editor himself, who make the trouble. Recently the editor of the Putnam (Conn.) Standard gave such critics to "know their place," in wholesome fashion, as follows:

"There are persons who are so deeply interested in certain moral and religious movements that they think the newspaper should open its columns for articles of any length and quantity, and because we will not print them, charge us with being recreant to our principles.

"Such people think they know just how a newspaper ought to be edited, much better than the editor, and as advisers, think we should not regard our financial interest in doing our work. A large class of this kind we find, will not permit their names to be appended, for the reason, as they tell us, that they do not desire to incur the ill-will of anyone—evidently unconcerned how much hostility and financial loss fall on the editor.

"We print a paper to make a living, as men carry on any business. We desire to make it an influence for good. We desire to be at peace with all men as much as is possible, as suggested by the Apostle, who knew that with some men it was not possible, do what one might to please them. Were it not for the commonsense and fair-mindedness of the average person, and the manly forbearance of the more intelligent and influential class, making all allowance for human frailties, an editor's life would be indeed a trying one."

Voices of the Winter.

O! list to that wild lamentation
Arise on the frost-panopied air,
That volume of sharp exclamation
All bristling with sparkling of snow!
O! list to that sobbing so mournful!
That voice has been snatched from the king!
The voice that was erstwhile so scornful
Has lost all its jubilant ring!

'Tis the wall of the ice man, the out-of-job
fee man, the sock-up-the-price man,
who once was our deck! His glad
large voice of defiance and laughter
don't fit him since old King Lear hit
him a slash in the neck!

O! hear ye that rollicking whistle,
Plied up in the gayest of keys?
As sharp as the sting of a thistle
It pierces the frost-laden breeze.
O! hear ye that glad anthem winging
From heart to heart untold of care—
That song so exultingly ringing
In happy rag-time in the air?

'Tis the song of the coal man, the jubilant
coal man, the fill-up-the-hole
man, with diamonds black. He's
never heard growling when winter
is swirling, and people are howling
for lump, but and slack.

Give ear to that beautiful chorus
That rises in ripples of glad melody.
Till all of the wintry air o'er us
Seems bursting with glad melody.
O! gay is the song they are trilling,
The music of true from alloy.
As out from their souls they are spilling
The very quintessence of joy.

'Tis the song of the plumber; the happy
old plumber, and ain't he a hummer
close up to the tank? His lips are
but voicing his glad soul's rejoicing
as pipes snap to bursting on every hand.

And hear those anathemas shooting
From tongues of the slender saint!
Profanity's horns they are tooting!
Without 'em a show of restraint!
From lips once accustomed to parting
The music of true from alloy.
Now hear, and people are darting
Red streaks of the highest grade swear!

'Tis the swear of the people, the winter
swear of the people, to see others reap all
the fruits of their toil? The cash crop
of summer the coal man and plumber
now joyously gather from labor's
rich soil.

—Denver Evening Post.



Baby's Future.

The fond mother dreams great dreams of baby's future as she holds the sleeping little one in her arms. But the dreamer will never come true unless she has given him a strong body and a healthy mind. Children die in hosts, or live to struggle through life feeble of body and dull of mind because the mother was unfit physically and mentally for motherhood. Women who use Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription endow their children with strong bodies and bright minds. It is every mother's duty to give her child the advantages of a healthy body and mind. A weak or sickly woman cannot do this. "Favorite Prescription" makes weak women strong and sick women well.

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Dr. Pierce's Pellets cure biliousness.

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THE QUINA TREE.

"Get Your Quinine!—Get Your Quinine!—Come All You Sick and Lame and Blind, and Go to the Quack and Get Quinine!"

The most useful to mankind of all the natural products of South America is probably the familiar drug made from the bark of the quina tree, which was used by the Incas as a cure for malarial diseases. A Jesuit missionary discovered this fact and brought some of the bark to Lima, where its efficacy was demonstrated by the Countess of Cinchon, whose husband was a viceroy of Peru in the early days of Spanish domination. She sent it to Spain as a remedy for fevers, and no drug mentioned in the dictionary has been consumed in larger quantities or has afforded greater relief to suffering humanity. It was originally known as Jesuit's bark, because it was brought to notice by these enterprising and inquisitive scouts of the church. It was more extensively advertised as Peruvian bark, but the botanical name is cinchona, in compliment to the fair lady who first sent it to civilization. Cinchona is found all through the Andes, from the Argentine Republic to the Spanish main, but the supply was greatly diminished by the perversity of the Spaniards, who cut down the trees before they stripped them. That has been prohibited by law, and only a portion of the bark may be taken from the trunk of a tree each year, and not more than nature is able to replace.

England, with that provident foresight which characterizes much of her political economy and colonial policy, several years ago sent Mr. Spruce, the eminent botanist, to Peru. He made a large collection of cinchona plants, which were transplanted in Ceylon, India, Burma and other colonies of the East, where they have been since cultivated with great success, so that most of the world's supply now comes from the British possessions. During the last few years the Germans have taken hold of the trade in Bolivia, and are now cultivating it with their usual skill. Probably 6,500,000 trees have been set out in the last ten years by them. One man has put out at least 4,000,000 trees, and another nearly as many. The "quinines," as they are called, are still in their infancy, but are beginning to pay, and promise to be very profitable. The trees are just now large enough to lose a little of their bark, but they will soon be the source of a large supply.

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